

# ARKANSAS

## WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



**\* Planting Wheat**

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**RELEASED:** November 29, 1999 3:00 p.m. Arkansas continues to experience above normal temperatures and below normal rainfall. At the Little Rock weather service they will end the month with the second warmest and the 4<sup>th</sup> driest November of record (1879-1999). 6.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 15 percent very short, 62 percent short, 23 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. The main farming activity of the week included planting wheat. Other activities included finishing harvesting cotton, preparing land for the planting of annual forages, land leveling, liming pastures, bush hogging, fields were being subsoiled and plowed.

**CROPS:** Other farm activities included applying herbicides to wheat, equipment clean up and maintenance, and ground preparation activities for next spring. Shredding of cotton stalks were also reported.

**LIVESTOCK:** Livestock were reported in fair condition. Many farmers continued feeding supplemental hay early this year because of the drought like conditions. Cattle producers continued to market cattle, wean calves, fall calving, and pregnancy check spring bred cows. Cattle were given vaccinations, producers were also planning for Brucellosis vaccinations, treated for external parasites for insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle. Poultry houses were also being cleaned.

*Crop Progress and Conditions*

Progress %				Condition % <sup>1</sup>				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
COTTON								
Harvested	100	100	99					
WHEAT				0	2	33	60	5
Planted	98	96	93					
Emerged	92	88	83					
ALFALFA				17	32	49	2	0
OTH. HAY				16	41	34	8	1
PASTURE				26	42	26	6	0

<sup>1</sup>Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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